

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

November 12, 2003



Re: application of : PAYTON, Kevin L.

Serial No. : 09/833,898

Filed : April 12, 2001

For : **SKELETAL TRANSMUCOSAL ORTHODONTIC
PLATE AND METHOD**

Examiner : Wilson, John J.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicant files a Request for Continued Examination.

In response to the Examiner's Final Office Action mailed July 14, 2003, applicant submits this Amendment and requests an extension of time to respond, until November 14, 2003.

The applicant's fee for the one month extension of time is enclosed.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims 1, 4, 7, 11 and 14 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An orthodontic system for use as a bone anchor in conjunction with orthodontic appliances to treat malalignment of teeth, said orthodontic system